

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 833

By Todd

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the late Fred S. Elliot upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is the late Mr. Fred S. Elliot, who devoted many years to the education and instruction of young students and athletes; in March 2006, Mr. Elliot will be inducted into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, a befitting recognition of his outstanding service to Tennessee schools and athletics; and

WHEREAS, Fred Elliot received his education at Marvin College, Memphis State Teacher's College, and the University of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Elliott was Principal of Whitehaven School from September of 1929 until June of 1954, and he devoted his life to public service, and to meeting the educational needs of the good people of Shelby County and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, before serving at Whitehaven, Mr. Elliott was Principal of Cuba School from 1915-1919, Principal of Rosemark School from 1919-1928, and Principal of Messick High School from 1928-1929; and

WHEREAS, during part of his tenure at Rosemark School, Fred Elliott coached the girl's basketball team (1920-1921); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Elliott was a founder of the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association (TSSAA), serving as its Secretary-Treasurer from 1930-1942; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Elliot was appointed by former Governor Gordon Browning as a member of the State Board of Education, an appointment which served as a testament to his professionalism and integrity as a educator and administrator; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Fred Elliot received a citation for outstanding services and contributions to high school athletics in June of 1954 from the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Elliot was supported by his loving wife, the late Bess Oglesby Elliott; Mr. and Mrs. Elliott shared a deep love for one another, and their marriage was blessed with three children, Mary Elizabeth Farris, Barbara Elliot Brown, and Patricia Elliott Drinnon; and

WHEREAS, a committed public servant, Mr. Elliott was a member of the Whitehaven Kiwanis Club, which he served as a Charter Member and President; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Elliot faithfully served the Whitehaven Methodist Church, where he was a valued member of the Board of Stewards and taught Bible classes; and

WHEREAS, Fred Elliot epitomized the commitment and spirit that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, for the above accomplishments, his impeccable moral standards, and impressive work ethic, the late Fred S. Elliot has been selected for induction into the TSSAA Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Fred Elliot, a man of true character and commitment, exemplified the type of selfless community servant and civic leader whom fellow Tennesseans admire for their tireless efforts in molding the State's youth, guiding them with solid principles and high standards whether on the athletic fields or in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor the late Mr. Fred S. Elliot upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame and memorialize his life of service to the youth of this great State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.